a view to encourage exports to permit exporting units to import raw material duty free required for such exports.

Demand for LPG Cylinders in tbe country

.2999. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a the number of units manufacturing LPG cylinders in the country during thi years 1985-86, 1986-87 and so far in the current financial year;

(b) the number of cylinders manufactured by these units in these years;

(c) what is the total demand for these cylinders in he country;

(d) whether these units are in a position to meet the demand for cylinders in Ihe country; and

(e) if not, by when the units wiil be in a position to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The number of cylinder manufacturing units in the country is given below:

	No. of Units
1985-86	54
1986-87	78
1987-88	83

(b) The number of cylinders purchased by tbe oil industry from these units are given below:

	No. of cylinder in lakhs
1985-86	38-89
1986-87	36.83
1987-88 . (as on 1-11-1987)	12.33

(c) The estimated demand for LPG cylinders during 1987-88 i_s about 24.00 lakhs.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Us of Natural Gas for electricity generation

3000. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state]

fa) whether it is a fact that the Principal Secretary E.F.E.S.A.T. Department had discussions with the Secretary to ihe Mini try of Petroleum und Natural Gas about generation of electricity by using natural gas available in Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has expressed its desire to utilise natural gas that would be available in the Krishna-Godavari basin for generation of electricity if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the ONGC would consider the location of a separate office in Andhra Pradesh exclusively for their operations in Krishna-Godavari basin; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for commitment to supply 3.5 lakh M3 of natural gas and to set up 3 units of gas turbines of 25 MW each.

(d) and (e) ONGC have already established a project office at Rajhamundri which is looking after all the activities of the Commission in the K.G Basin.